



PTA MEETING MINUTES



Hermon Elementary General PTA Meeting
October 6, 2015 ~ 6:30 – 7:30 PM
HES - Room 11

Attendance: Shannon A., Melissa O., Cindy P., Barbara L., Julia R., Michele T., Jessica W., Autumn A., Amanda D., Jennifer C., Kristin W., Alicia T., Donna S., and Tiffany H.

Welcome and Introductions - Shannon and Melissa

Approval of September, 2015 minutes – Cindy (Accepted as read.)

Treasurer's Report – Cindy (Reviewed financial reports for September).

Principal's Report – Mrs. Libby

- Maine Educational Assessments (MEAs) results for 4th and 5th grades students will go home soon (tests were taken last spring). Results show that HES ranked significantly higher than the state average in literacy and slightly higher than the state average in math.
- Progress reports will be going home shortly.
- In answering an inquiry about the recent viral infections going around the school, Mrs. Libby mentioned that there are certain illnesses that the school nurse keeps track of and she encourages parents to tell the office if their child has strep throat or other highly contagious illnesses.

Old business:

1. Charleston Wrap Fundraiser update
 - We do not have the final numbers yet since the fundraiser just ended and there are still some packets that need to be tallied.
 - Most of the prizes were distributed to the teachers today. Students that sent in their packets after the deadline will get their prizes at a later date.
2. Review and vote on the tentative 2015-2016 PTA schedule and budget.
 - A motion was made to accept the tentative schedule and budget for the year, it was seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

New business and announcements:

1. Red Sox School Family Night
 - The Maine PTA sent out information regarding the 2016 Red Sox School Family Nights where the Red Sox are offering tickets at a special rate for teachers and students to attend. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

2. School enrichment ideas

- Discussion on having an evening event was brought up and Mrs. Libby brought up the challenges of having a school-wide event in the evening, due to space issues within the gym and/or cafeteria and also limited parking. The idea of having grade-level events was mentioned. A “Maine-Made” event showcasing Maine companies was discussed. Mrs. Libby will pass the word along to the teachers.

3. Grade level tee-shirts

- There was an inquiry with Mrs. Libby regarding the purchasing of the 4th grade tee-shirts and she clarified that it was the 4th grade A.C.H.E.V.E dance shirts that were recently bought.
- The PTA has budgeted \$2,000 to purchase grade-level shirts for K – 4th grades. Mrs. Libby will inquire with the teachers on colors and will put in the order. Logos (front and back) were also explained by Mrs. Libby.
- There was a brief discussion on if the PTA should pursue the “Spirit Wear” sale this year and the general consensus was no.

4. Teacher needs board

- Kristin W. has volunteered to be our new shopper for the teacher’s needs board. Thank you to Michele H. for being such a savvy shopper for us the last couple of years!

5. Box Tops/LfE Collection Bin - makeover

- Shelly T. has volunteered to give our Box Tops/LfE collection bin, located in the lobby, a make-over to make the bin a bit more attractive.

Public Items or Comments

- Brainstormed ideas for monthly drawing prizes: YMCA day pass, Lura Hoit day pass, Bangor Drive-In, bowling passes, Maine Discover Museum.
- Mrs. Libby explained what Red Ribbon Week was (national program that promotes making healthy choices) and it is slated for October 23 - 31.
- Fire Safety Week – the local fire department will make grade-level visits to discuss fire safety.
- Technology – 2 iPADS have been purchased for the Title 1 program and two more will be purchased for the Pre-K classroom. Six Smart Boards will also be purchased, using PTA funds to help off-set the costs.

Drawing for monthly Box Tops/Labels for Education prizes

Congratulations to our three Box Top/LFE monthly drawing winners (Treworgy’s corn maze family passes): Brooklyn B. (Mrs. Helfen), Eva B. (Mrs. Goodman), and Benjamin T. (Ms. Bailey).

Adjournment

Next general PTA meeting: November 3, 2015

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2015-2016 PTA Board

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